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Although no resources were discovered on the Project Site and the archaeological sensitivity of the project area is considered to be low, in the event that any archaeological materials are encountered the following mitigation measures shall be implemented:

### **Mitigation Measure CR-1**

*Azusa Rock personnel working on the Project Site shall receive training from a qualified archaeologist to identify cultural resources and to monitor during excavation operations. Trained personnel shall have the authority to stop work if a potential cultural resource is encountered. In the event that buried cultural resources, including historic or archeological resources, are discovered during construction, operations shall cease in the immediate vicinity of the find and a qualified archaeologist shall be consulted to determine whether the resource requires further study. The qualified archeologist shall make recommendations to the Lead Agency on measures that shall be implemented to protect the discovered resources, including but not limited to excavation of the finds in accordance with Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines. If the resources are determined to be unique historic resources as defined under Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines, appropriate measures shall be identified by the monitor and recommended to the Lead Agency for implementation.*

*Measures may include but are not limited to: a detailed mapping of the findings; a recordation of the discovery with appropriate agencies; and potential tests (if needed) to evaluate the resources' eligibility for listing in the National Register or California Register of Historic Resources. A technical report would then be prepared to document field methods and results.*

### **Mitigation Measure CR-2**

*In accordance with 36 CFR 800.13(b)(3), the State Historic Preservation Officer and Native American tribal contacts as listed on the letter (dated September 28, 2007) received from Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), as well as the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will be notified within 48 hours of the discovery of any archaeological artifacts. Native American groups will be given the option of accepting recovered artifacts.*

### **Level of Significance After Mitigation**

Application of the above mitigations will reduce the potential impacts to unknown historic resources to a less than significant level.

**CR-2: Project activities may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15604.5.**

**Impact: Potentially Significant Impact**

A cultural resource records search was conducted in January 2009 using the California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) at the Southern Central Coastal Information Center located at California State University, Fullerton. The purpose of the records search was to determine the extent of previous documentation of archaeological sites and historic resources in the vicinity of the project area. Materials reviewed included reports of previous cultural resources investigations, archaeological site records, historic maps, and listings of resources on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR), California Points of Historical Interest, California Landmarks, and National Historic Landmarks.

The record search indicated that between 1988 and 2002 seven previous cultural resource investigations were conducted within a one-mile radius of the Project Site. None of these investigations included or overlapped the Project Site. The records search did not reveal any archaeological resources within the vicinity of the project site.

**Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Record Search**

On January 27, 2009, ECORP sent a letter to the NAHC in an effort to determine whether any sacred sites are listed on their Sacred Lands File for the Project Site. A response was received on January 30, 2009 from the NAHC indicating that a Sacred Lands File search was conducted based on the township, range, and section information and that no sites were found. The letter response included a list of tribal contacts, and a total of five letters were sent to the corresponding tribes. To date no responses from the tribal contacts have been received. Tribal contacts will continue to be notified of any actions taken with regard to the Proposed Project, and will receive all project-related notifications as required by State regulations.

**Results of the Field Survey**

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**Mitigation: CR-1 and CR-2****Level of Significance After Mitigation**

Application of CR-1 and CR-2 will reduce the potential impacts to unknown archeological resources to a less than significant level.